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"I didn't feel good about going to jail, but I was willing to go to let it be known that under this type of segregation, black people had endured too much for too long."

ON A DECEMBER
Rosa Parks, a seamstress
work, refused to give up



EVENING IN 1955,
on her way home from
her seat on a Montgomery,

Alabama, bus to a white man—an action required by local law at the time. Her arrest sparked a year-long boycott of the city bus system by her fellow African Americans. A year later, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that laws requiring segregation on public transportation were illegal. In the 50 years since this courageous act launched a movement, the Montgomery Bus Boycott has become a landmark on the path toward equality for all people. Mrs. Parks, who died in 2005, is known as "the mother of the civil rights movement."

Above: Rosa Parks enters a Montgomery, Alabama, court in 1956, to be arraigned for refusing to give up her seat on a bus, as required by local segregation laws.

